

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A pedal structure for a motor vehicle comprising:
a pedal arm pivoted when stepped on for transmitting the stepping-on force in a first direction; and

a pedal pad mounted on an end upper portion of said pedal arm for being stepped on [the] by a driver's foot;

said pedal pad including a pedal pad upper portion and a pedal pad side portion extending laterally with respect to said upper portion generally in said braking direction;

said pedal arm including an arm end portion for mounting said pedal pad and an arm body; and

said arm end portion having a pad mounting upper portion for mounting said pedal pad, and a pad mounting side portion extending laterally with respect to said pad mounting upper portion generally in said braking direction for mounting said pedal pad side portion by a coupling between said pedal pad side portion and said pad mounting side portion, ~~and a swelling portion provided at said pad mounting side portion under the end portion of said pedal pad side portion and laterally protruding~~ said pad mounting side portion having a protruding portion disposed beneath said pedal pad side portion and protruding with respect to said pad mounting side portion

in a direction laterally of said braking direction to have almost the same height as the thickness of said pedal pad side portion;

said pad mounting upper portion, said pad mounting side portion, and said protruding portion comprising respective portions of the same piece of material.

2. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said pedal arm is formed to be a U-letter shape in cross-section.

3. (Currently Amended) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said pedal arm is press-formed, and ~~wherein said swelling~~ protruding portion is formed simultaneously through the same press-forming process as is done on said pedal arm.

4. (Currently Amended) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said ~~swelling~~ protruding portion is formed by partly cutting said pad mounting side portion of said arm end portion and raising the cut part of said pad mounting side portion.

5. (Currently Amended) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said pedal arm is press-formed, and ~~wherein said swelling~~ protruding portion is formed simultaneously through the same press-forming process as is done on said pedal arm.

6. (Currently Amended) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said ~~swelling protruding~~ portion is ~~formed by partly cutting~~ defined by a bent cut-out section of said pad mounting side portion of said arm end portion ~~and raising the cut part of said pad mounting side portion.~~

7. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said pedal pad covers the whole of the right side of said pad mounting upper portion provided at said arm end portion and also covers the circumferential portion of the wrong side of said pad mounting upper portion.

8. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said pedal pad is joined by an adhesive to said pad mounting upper portion of said arm end portion.

9. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said pedal pad is made of rubber or soft synthetic resin and wherein in Insertion Forming technology, said pedal pad is formed bodily on said arm end portion with the same being set in a casting mold.

10. (Currently Amended) A parking brake pedal structure in a parking foot brake device for a motor vehicle wherein a parking brake pedal comprises;

a pedal arm pivoted when stepped on for transmitting the stepping-on force to said parking brake device in a first direction; and

a pedal pad mounted on an end upper portion of said pedal arm for being stepped on [the] by a driver's foot;

said pedal arm including an arm end portion for mounting said pedal pad and an arm body connected to said parking brake device; and

said arm end portion having a pad mounting upper portion for mounting said pedal pad, and a pad mounting side portion extending laterally with respect to said pad mounting upper portion generally in said braking direction for mounting said pedal pad side portion by a coupling between said pedal pad side portion and said pad mounting side portion, ~~and a swelling portion provided at said pad mounting side portion having a protruding portion disposed beneath said pedal pad side portion and protruding with respect to said pad mounting side portion in a direction laterally of said braking direction under the end portion of said pedal pad side portion and laterally protruding~~ to have the same height as the thickness of said pedal pad side portion,

said pad mounting upper portion, said pad mounting side portion, and said protruding portion comprising respective integral portions of the same piece of material.

11. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said pedal arm is formed to be a U-letter shape in cross-section.

12. (Currently Amended) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 11, wherein said pedal arm is press-formed, and wherein said ~~swelling~~ protruding portion

is formed simultaneously through the same press-forming process as is done on said pedal arm.

13. (Currently Amended) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 11, wherein said ~~swelling~~ protruding portion is formed by partly cutting said pad mounting side portion and raising the cut part of said pad mounting side portion.

14. (Currently Amended) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said pedal arm is press-formed, and wherein said ~~swelling~~ protruding portion is formed simultaneously through the same press-forming process as is done on said pedal arm.

15. (Currently Amended) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said ~~swelling~~ protruding portion is formed by partly cutting said pad mounting side portion and raising the cut part of said pad mounting side portion.

16. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said pedal pad covers the whole of the right side of said pad mounting upper portion provided at said arm end portion and also covers the circumferential portion of the wrong side of said pad mounting upper portion.

17. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said pedal pad is joined by an adhesive to said pad mounting upper portion of said arm end portion.

18. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said pedal pad is made of rubber or soft synthetic resin and wherein in Insertion Forming technology, said pedal pad is formed bodily on said arm end portion with the same being set in a casting mold.